

House Resolution 1679

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Teilhet of the 40th, Tumlin of the 38th, Jenkins of the 8th, and Johnson of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Bennett Kyle Yancey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the
3 unfortunate passing of Mr. Bennett Kyle Yancey on February 16, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Yancey was a celebrated husband, father, lawyer, and community servant
5 in Cobb County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, born in Tampa, Florida, he spent his childhood near Ashburn, Georgia, and
7 moved to Austell as an adolescent, graduating from Austell High School in 1944; and
- 8 WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force and
9 served in the Allied Occupation Forces in Japan; and
- 10 WHEREAS, upon being honorably discharged, he attended Emory University and went on
11 to graduate from the University of Georgia Law School in 1951; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Cobb County Bar Association, the Georgia Bar
13 Association, and the American Bar Association, and he was admitted to practice before the
14 U. S. Supreme Court and actively practiced law until his death; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Yancey was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962 and served two
16 terms, being responsible for legislation that changed the Cobb County Commission from a
17 single commissioner to multiple commissioners and the bill that created the State Court of
18 Cobb County; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a member for over 50 years of both the South Cobb Lions Club and
20 Latham Lodge, and he supported the American Chestnut Society and the Society for the
21 Preservation of Old Mills; and

1 WHEREAS, he was an avid reader of American and English history and an accomplished
2 and generous gardener; and

3 WHEREAS, his devotion to his community was only surpassed by his love for his wife,
4 Janet; daughter, Kathryn Yancey; sons, Phillip and Stephen; and his three grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death it is
6 fitting and proper that we extend sympathy to his family, colleagues, and friends.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join together in honoring and remembering the life of Mr. Bennett
9 Kyle Yancey, recognizing his many contributions to the community, and extending their
10 most sincere condolences to his family.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Bennett
13 Kyle Yancey.